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THE PARK

On the south side of Carlyle Lake, the largest man-made reservoir in Illinois, South Shore State Park is 3 miles east of the city of Carlyle on Route 50 in Clinton County. Stretching along for approximately 3 miles, the relatively new park has been in various phases of construction and development for several years to gain the most of its 800 recreational acres.

HISTORY

The Carlyle Dam and Reservoir is on the Kankakee River near Carlyle, about 107 river miles above the mouth of the river. About 50 miles east of St. Louis on U.S. Highway 50, the reservoir, in Fayette, Bond, Marion and Clinton counties, is a unit of the comprehensive plan for development of the Kaskaskia River Basin for flood control, navigation, fish and wildlife conservation, water supply and recreation.

The project was authorized by Congress on July 3, 1958, and construction began late that year. A total of 62,400 acres of land was purchased or easement acquired.

Prior to the reservoir construction, there were many major alterations. Relocation of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad was completed in the fall of 1965. Economically, it was found more feasible to construct a new elevated roadbed adjacent to the existing one instead of routing the railroad around the reservoir.

Mineral rights for 69 oil wells were purchased and plugged to prevent possible pollution to the reservoir. Approximately 20 miles of existing county and township roads were altered to provide necessary access to project facilities. Affected power and telephone lines throughout the reservoir area were either relocated or removed as required.

Alterations to affected cemeteries in the area consisted of the relocation of 600 burials from 5 existing cemeteries to cemeteries outside the project limits and the raising of positions of 3 cemeteries on the outer edges of the reservoir. Approximately 16,500 acres of land were cleared within the limits of the normal pool of the reservoir.

After completion of various alterations, the reservoir's major construction began with building of the earthfill dam, 67 feet above stream bed, 6,570 feet in length and with 4 control gates of 38x39 feet dimensions. The concrete, gate controlled spillway is 179 feet long. A conduit on the left side of the main dam has inside diameter of 30 inches tapering to 24. The reservoir has a normal pool of 26,000 acres.

Completion of the Carlyle Dam and Reservoir Project was in June 1967 at a cost of approximately \$41 million.

Remember Settlers: There are several areas of interest in the park that have been named for early families who formerly lived in this area. These include the Housman Bluff area, the Stein's Branch and the Housman Pond area. The island, just off shore, and some of the bluff areas were inhabited by Iroquois Indian tribes. Many artifacts and skeletons buried in the area were found by archaeologists from Southern Illinois University.

FACILITIES

Picnicking: Good roads wind through the park to 18 parking areas, close to 6 picnic areas equipped with tables and park grills. A large rustic shelter and a smaller one also accommodate picnickers. Water fountains and toilet facilities are conveniently located. There is no concession stand.

Camping: There are 33 pads for tent and trailer campers, convenient to a sanitary disposal station. All campers must obtain a permit from the park staff before entering the campground. All groups of over 25 persons need advance permission to enter the park.

Fishing: Many of the access areas have been riprapped to protect the shores from erosion. These also provide good fishing spots. Anglers can catch crappie, largemouth bass, white bass, walleye, bluegill, sunfish, channel catfish, carp and suckers.

Boating: A 4-lane launching ramp, along with another for small boats is available for boaters. There is no boat rental. Motor size is not limited and sailboats are welcome on the lake.

Other: Additional facilities on the lake that are operated by the Department of Conservation are Eldon Hazlet State Park, which has extensive camping, picnicking, boat launches and a large sailboat harbor, as well as concessionaire-operated Keyesport Access Area on the east side and Tamalco Access Area on the west side. Both have launching ramps, boat rentals, supplies, camping and fishing.

The following recreational areas are operated by the Corps of Engineers: Spillway, West, Boulder, Coles Creek and East Access Areas; Keyesport Access Area and Boat Dock. A variety of facilities are offered at each.

Please: This area is for all to enjoy so help keep it clean. Put all litter in the nearest available trash container. No flowers, plants, shrubs or trees may be removed or damaged. If you need help or have a question, contact the Ranger.

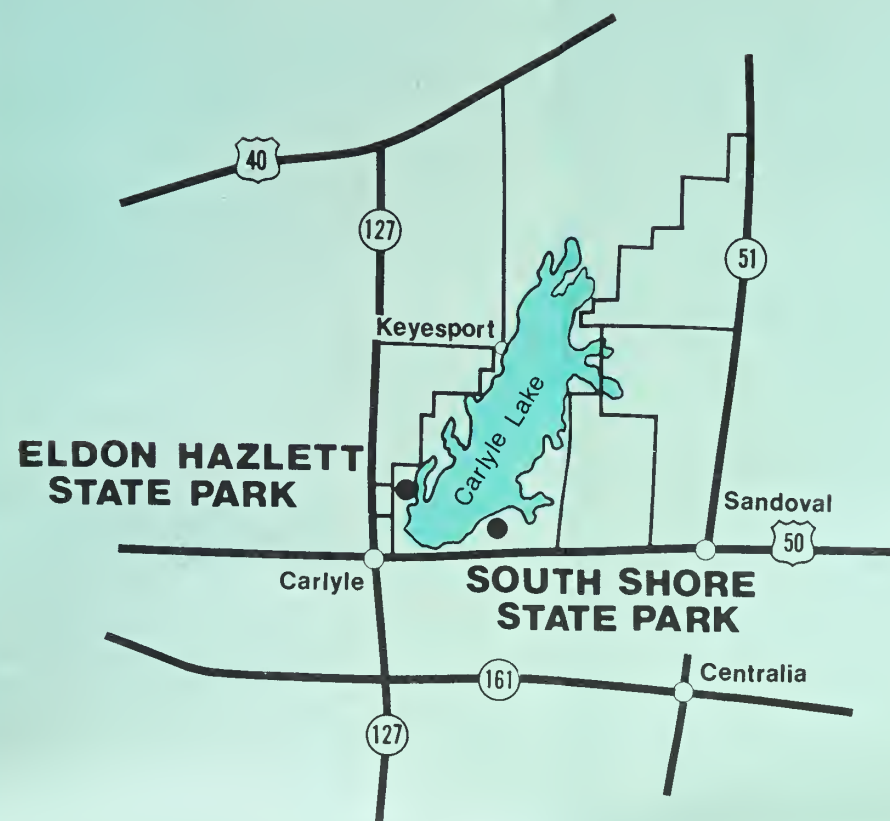
FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

Admittance will not be granted groups of 25 or more persons to any state park or conservation area unless permission from the park ranger has been secured to use the facilities. It is also required that groups of minors have adequate supervision and that at least one responsible adult accompany each group not exceeding 15 minors. All pets must be on a leash.

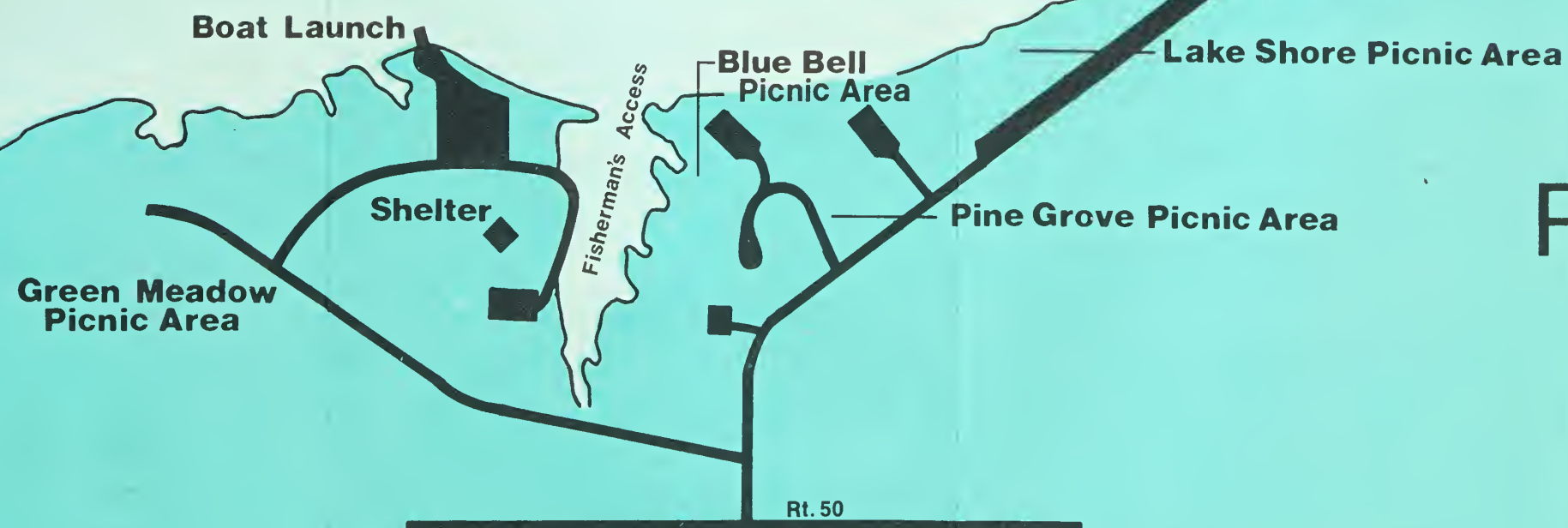
Numerous state parks and memorials are within easy access of every part of the state. Lodges, cabins and dining rooms are important features of Illinois Beach, Starved Rock, Pere Marquette, White Pines Forest and Giant City. Reservations for lodging should be made with lodge managers.

All state parks are open the year round. When weather conditions necessitate the closing of park roads during freezing and thawing periods, access to park facilities is by foot only.

For more details about this site, contact Ranger, Eldon Hazlet State Park, Carlyle, Illinois 62231, phone 618/594-3015. For information on other Illinois sites, write the Department of Conservation, Information/Education Division, State Office Building, Springfield 62706.



CARLYLE RESERVOIR



Park Maps

